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SYSTEM, AND NAVIGATION SYSTEM  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicant(s) are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and a copy of the document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

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